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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Election/Restrictions

Claims 59-82 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in the reply filed on 11/15/07.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher B. Linder on 1/24/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 3 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 1, line the phrase "of the metal salt having weakly bound counter anions" has been deleted.

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In claim 1, line $\bigvee_{i=1}^{\mathcal{D}}$ after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 1, line χ after the phrase "f-block metal", the phrase - - and the anion is selected from the group consisting of perchlorate, trifluoromethanesulfonate, and

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In claim 15, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the term - - 1 - -.

In claim 15, line after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - 7-7has been inserted.

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In claim 17, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the term - - 1 - -.

In claim 17, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 17, line 4 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 18, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the term - - 1 - -.

In claim 18, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 21, line 1 the term "6" has been deleted and replaced therein with the 'term - - 1 - -.

In claim 22, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 23, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.

In claim 26, line 2 after the word "from", the phrase - - the group consisting of - - has been inserted.